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TOPIC: Airfields in Hungary

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REMARKS

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1. Keckskemet Nagy Bugac (Y 6/N 95). At 2:30 p.m. on 10 October, 1952, three biplanes with radial engines were parked at Keckskemet Nagy Bugac airfield, next to the barracks installation north of Izsaki road. Five Soviet soldiers were observed near the planes. A biplane coming from the north landed at the field.¹

2. A Soviet troop train consisting of 3 passenger cars, 14 freight cars and 4 gondola cars, loaded with four trucks, stood on track 10 at the Kocsikomet railroad station. About 400 Soviet soldiers and 15 to 20 women in uniform, all wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were observed nearby. Apparently the same train was observed at the Czerled (C 43/0 03) railroad station on the same day. [redacted]. At both railroad stations, the train had no locomotive. 2

3. Szekesfehervar Sosto (Q 48/L 00). Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 13 September, Szekesfehervar-Sosto airfield was observed [redacted]. East of the Szekesfehervar Repuloeter railroad stop near the airfield, there was a large area covered with trees in the middle of which was a group of buildings surrounded by a barbed fence. Two or three larger hangars could be identified in the southern section of group of buildings. An entrance to the field was northeast of the Tac railroad stopping place. The sentry posted there wore green epaulets. In the southern corner of the field, there were four hangars three of which were built together. About 50 laborers were engaged in construction work on these three hangars. West of the hangars, there was a group of buildings. A fueling point of two or three pumps was located in the southeastern and northwestern sections of this group. Each pump had a corrugated rubber hose about 10 cm in diameter, which was attached by a large screw fastener to a mast, about 3 meters high and fitted with a lamp. North of the fuel dump in the southeastern corner of the group of buildings, there were three earth bunkers, each 10 x 10 x about 2 meters. About fifty 200-liter barrels were stored in an open shed in the southern section of the field.

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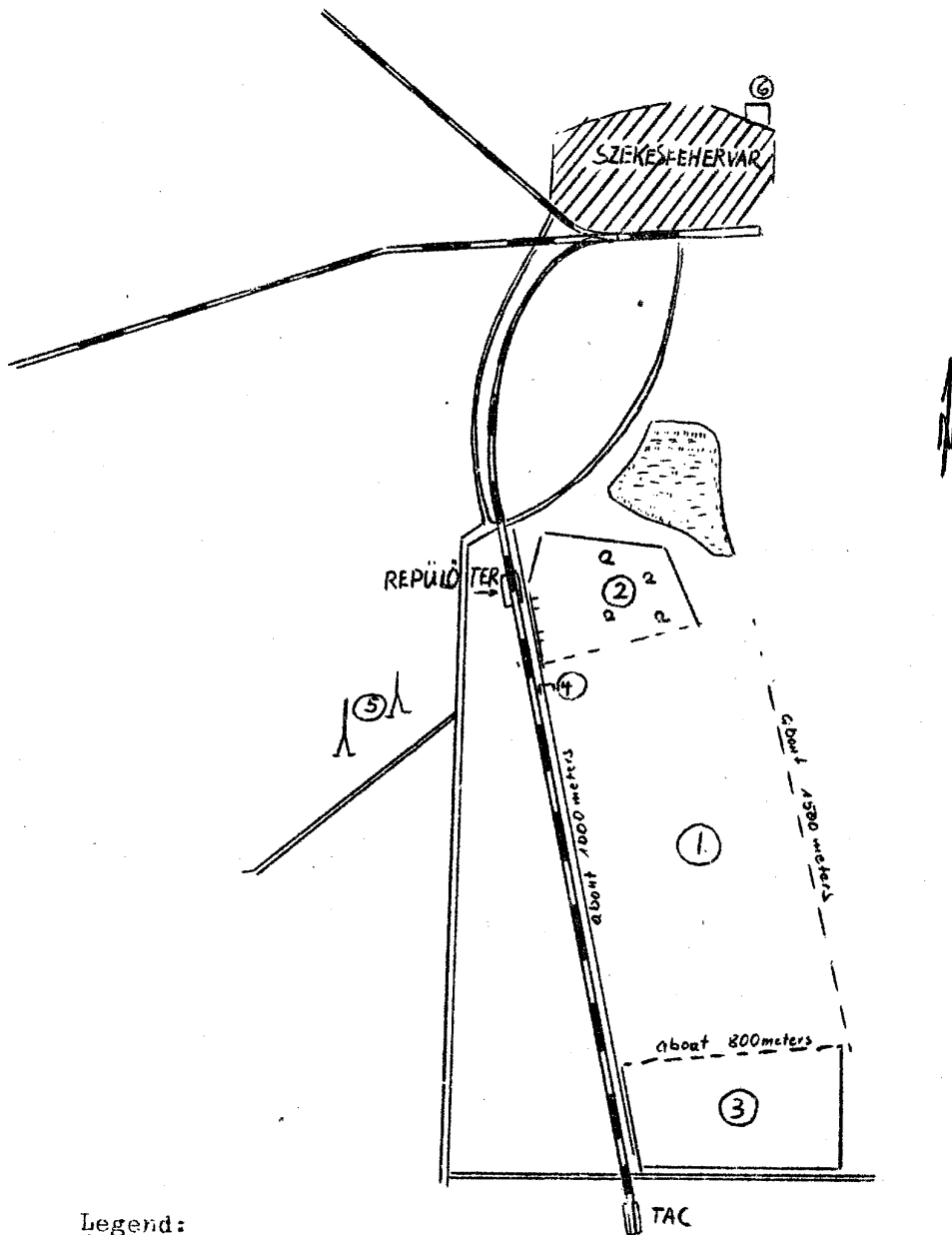
4. The landing field was covered with grass. No runway, taxiway, concrete aprons, AA gun emplacements or trench shelters were observed. At 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., one single-engine plane approached from the northwest, circled over the field and then headed northwest. The sky was mostly cloudy, the cloud base being at an altitude of up to 1,000 meters. There was a light wind from various directions. It was occasionally sunny. The aircraft observed were low-wing monoplanes with radial engines, plexi glass cabins and retractable landing gears. They were marked by a red-white-green cockade on a red Soviet star painted on the sides of the fuselage. About 30 Hungarian soldiers were observed between the buildings. No aircraft were parked on the landing field or nearby. The interior of the hangars could not be observed. About 600 meters west of the fields, there were two transmitter towers, each about 80 meters high, of the transmitting station in Szekesfehervar. The two towers belonged to the airfield.

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. The reported location of the small landing field west of Kecskemet agrees with previous information. [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] This field is probably occupied by a squadron of courier planes assigned to the Hungarian corps headquarters and a Soviet division headquarters, that of the 2nd Gds Mecz Div. These headquarters are assumed to be located in Kecskemet.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The dispatch of personnel observed on 10 October 1952, is probably connected with the transfer of personnel at the Parndorf and Wiener Neustadt airfields. The reported strength of the unit may indicate that the train carried the ground personnel of a Soviet regiment.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. For location sketch of Szekesfehervar Sosto airfield, see Annex 1. For layout sketch of buildings, see Annex 2. Most of the reported details agree with previous information. According to these statements, the landing field is located between two groups of buildings which are on the northern and southern edges of the field. The construction work on hangars and buildings progressed well when compared with previous reports. Nevertheless, the airfield will be of minor importance because of its size and the fact that it is not provided with runways or taxiways. The Hungarian training detachment of recruits and the Hungarian Air Force unit which were previously believed to be stationed at the field could not be observed. The reported service color worn by the sentry at the barrier is incomplete. According to previous reports, white-bordered green epaulets are worn by Hungarian parachute units. [] did not observe any aircraft on the field it is possible that some planes are parked in the northern hangars. It is further possible that the recruit training units conducted field training in the eastern section of the field which could not be observed. According to a rough sketch which is not forwarded, the aircraft observed over the field possibly were La-9s.

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Annex 1

Szekesfehervar Sosto Airfield

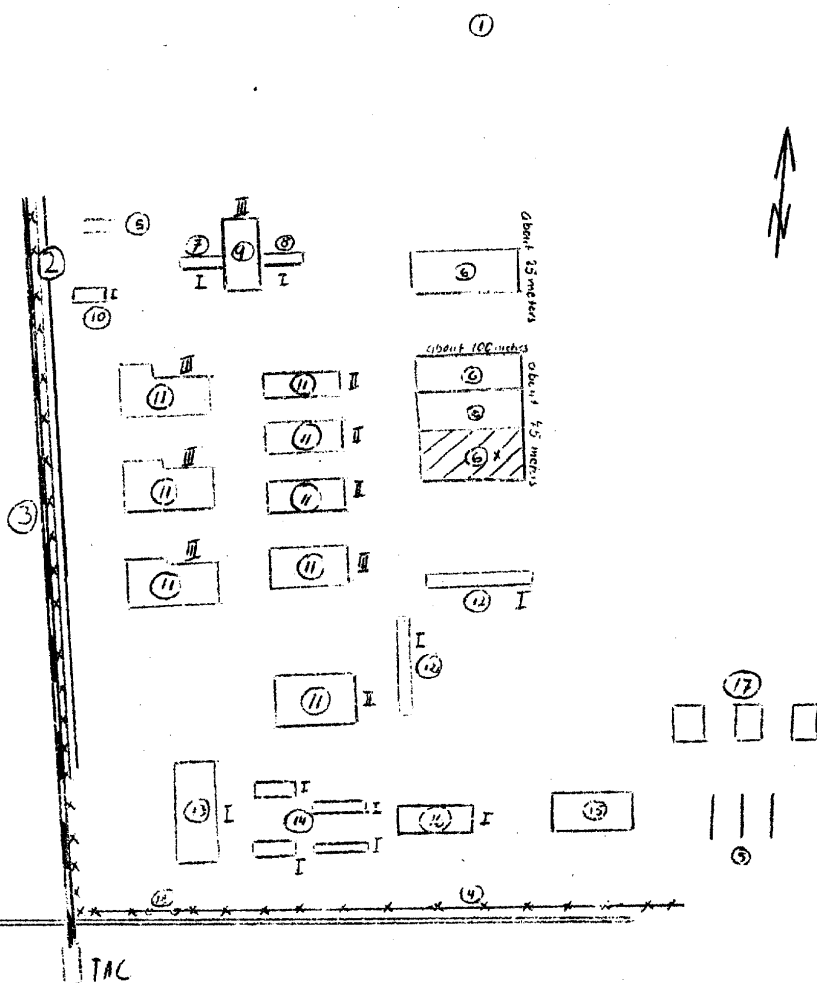


Legend:

- 1 Landing field
- 2 Northern group of buildings
- 3 Southern group of buildings
- 4 Barrier, permanently closed
- 5 Towers, probably radio transmitters
- 6 Building probably occupied by Hungarian headquarters

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Layout Sketch of Southern Group of Buildings
at Szekesfehervar Sosto Airfield



Legend, see next page.

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Layout Sketch of Southern Group of Buildings
at Szekesfehervar Sosto Airfield

Legend:

- 1 Landing field
- 2 Concrete road
- 3 Double-gauge railroad line
- 4 Fence
- 5 Tank installations with underground tanks
- 6 Hangars under construction
- 7 and 8 Offices
- 9 Flight control station
- 10 Guardhouse
- 11 Dwellings
- 12 Garages
- 13 Guardhouse
- 14 Temporary buildings for laborers
- 15 Above-ground fuel dump
- 16 Kitchen
- 17 Earth bunkers, each 10 x 10 x 2 meters, probably an underground fuel dump
- 18 Entrance gate
- I One-story buildings
- II Two-story buildings
- III Three-story buildings

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